

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JESSIE MEDLIN, PRESIDENT 2002 PRESIDING**

**February 11 2002**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The February 11, 2002, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Jessie Medlin, Board President.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff's Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3  
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
Chief Deputy Charlie Brown-----Sheriff's Dept.  
David Armstrong-----County Administrator  
Bobby Chamberlin-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis presented the invocation.

**C. COUNTY REDISTRICTING WORKSHOP**

Chris Watson, Representative of Bridge & Slaughter Planning Consultants, presented a slide and chart presentation to the Board of Supervisors on the County Redistricting. Mr. Watson said he had two plans to present to the Board, but that they were not expected to vote on a plan for action today. Mr. Watson said the goal of this meeting is for a general agreement by the Board that Bridge & Slaughter is going in the direction the County wants to proceed. Mr. Watson said the geographic area for the County could go two ways. Mr. Watson said the primary difference is between Plan A and Plan B is in District 1 & District 2, due to a School Board member for District 1 that wants to remain in his district.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board of Supervisors needs to look at where the School Board members reside.

At the Supervisors suggestion, Chris Watson reconfigured the District boundaries.

Supervisor Thach said all the Districts would gain and lose people.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he would like to keep the District lines as straight as possible, but not affect the large minority of people in the area. Mr. Watson said that DeSoto County has only a small amount of minority that affects the Districts. Mr. Watson said they tried to keep everything along a visible boundary of roads and creeks. Supervisor Lewis said he would like a copy of the plans to be able to ride and look at the area.

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Mr. Watson said the Justice Department looks at the minority issues and voting issues. Mr. Watson said the Board should decide on a preferred plan. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Watson to supply the Board with a copy of the plans he brought today and a copy of the two plans they did in the work session on changes. Supervisor John Caldwell said the Board could post these plans where people could view them for two or three weeks to see if any complaints would arise.

David Armstrong said the Justice plans and the Constable District plans for redistricting. Mr. Watson the public has to be given an opportunity to look at these plans. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if a public hearing was required by law. Mr. Watson said no, but the Justice Department wants to know if the Board gave the public an opportunity to participate. Mr. Armstrong asked if another work session would be done before the public hearing. Mr. Watson said today was very productive and he would like for the Board to decide on one plan to be presented at the public hearing.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said the Board should have something by the end of the month to put out to the public on the changes for the Districts.

Mr. Watson said the Constable District plans had been discussed at a meeting with the three Judges and one of the Constables in attendance. They agreed on Plan Alternate "A". Mr. Watson said that Constable Medlin does not have a lot of apartments in his area and they created the Constable boundaries similar to the Board of Supervisors District boundaries. There might be a few alterations necessary, but he tried not to split the precincts if possible.

Supervisor Medlin said the public hearing for the Boards and the Constables could be held on the same day and the Constables plan should be posted for review by the public also. Mr. Watson said the redistricting plans would become effective with the 2004 elections. No motions were taken on this item.

#### **D. PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission. **\*\*See Exhibit D\*\***

#### **E. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **1. Adoption of a County Safety Policy**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board of Supervisor had voted to take under advisement the adoption of a County Safety Policy. Mr. Armstrong said this policy is a general statement for safety.

Supervisor John Caldwell said he would like to see the list of recommendations from the Safety Officers back at a Board meeting to be voted on. He would like to have a quick turn around on their recommendations if the Board of Supervisors approves them. Mr. Armstrong said this policy does not include their recommendations.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the adoption of a County Safety Policy as presented in Exhibit E.1. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.1\*\***

##### **2. Entergy Request for ROW at Eudora School Property**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold this item over. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit E.2\*\***

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**3. Commerce Street Lease Property Renewal**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had spoken with the owners of the Commerce Street property regarding a lower lease payment than the requested \$8,310 as presented at the previous Board meeting. Mr. Armstrong said he negotiated a proposal for \$7,500 a month with a nine month lease. This would be November 9, 2002. Mr. Armstrong said he spoke with Marvin Johnson regarding the completion date on the DHS building and it should be done by this time frame.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the County Administrator to approve the nine month lease agreement, as presented in Exhibit E.3, for the Commerce Street property at a fee of \$7,500 per month. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.3\*\***

**4. Building Site for Civil Defense & Aviation Unit**

County Administrator David Armstrong said he had received two proposals to do the preliminary sketches for the building sites for the Civil Defense and the Aviation Unit. Mr. Armstrong said the proposal from Doug Thornton with Johnson, Bailey, Henderson & McNeal was \$21,500. The proposal from Marvin Johnson was \$3,450.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what money did the Board want to spend and what money did the Sheriff have to spend. Mr. Armstrong said the Sheriff had \$114,700 that he did not spend last year. Mr. Armstrong said the building shell would cost \$73,500.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve Marvin Johnson to do the preliminary sketches for the two sites for the Civil Defense & the Aviation Unit. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**\*\*See Exhibit E.4\*\***

**5. Board of Education Request for Assistance – Horn Lake Intermediate School Grounds**

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to carry this item over. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Later in the Board meeting, Road Manager Russell Dorris said he had looked at the Horn Lake Intermediate School track and that the County does not have the equipment to do this work. There is some drainage work that would be required also. The type of finish that is on the track would require a contractor to lay. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to carry this item over to get a legal opinion of the County’s alternatives for this request. **\*\*See Exhibit E.5\*\***

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Jail Inspection**

The Board does hereby find that, pursuant to Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, that periodic examinations into the state and condition of the DeSoto County Jail, in regards to its

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safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners is required. Pursuant to Section 19-5-1 the Board of Supervisors, or a competent person authorized by the Board of Supervisors, shall examine the jail for said compliance. The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors has a policy of attempting to inspect the DeSoto County Jail on a monthly basis and a requirement that the DeSoto County Jail be inspected as often as is mandated by Mississippi statute, State and/or Federal law. By direction of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors, the following persons were directed pursuant to Section 19-5-1 to perform the required examination into the state and condition of the jail and to report back to the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors:

John Caldwell  
Gerald Clifton

The DeSoto County Board of Supervisors does hereby find that the above named committee has reported back to the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors. That at least two (2) of them have examined the DeSoto County Jail regarding its state and condition in regard to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners, and do find the jail to be in compliance and requiring no further action at this time.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the observed condition of the jail and to state there was no overcrowding of the Jail, and do find the Jail to be in compliance and requiring no further action at this time. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **2. Board of Education Resolution – Riki Jackson**

County Administrator said Riki Jackson, the Community Relations Director for the DeSoto County Board of Education, was asking the Board of Supervisors for their annual endorsement for the Resolution for School Board Members Recognition Week, proclaimed in Mississippi for February 17 –22, 2002.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for School Board Members Recognition Week, proclaimed in Mississippi for February 17-22, 2002, and to authorize the Board President to sign the Resolution. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**\*\*See Exhibit F.2\*\***

## **3. Approval of Letter of Engagement for Audit 2001**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County has received the Letter of Engagement Audit from the State Audit Department for the year ending September 30, 2001. Mr. Armstrong said the fee for services would be \$17,000. Mr. Armstrong said the Board Attorney had approved the Letter of Engagement.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Letter of Engagement Audit from the State Audit Department for the year ending September 30, 2001, and to authorize the Board President to sign it. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.3\*\***

## **4. Hernando Arts Council – Restoration of Murals Courthouse – Kim Chamberlin**

Kim Chamberlin, a representative of the DeSoto Arts Council, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to discuss the restorations of the Courthouse Murals. Ms. Chamberlin gave a brief history of the Courthouse Murals and said the last renovations were done in 1979 on the murals. Ms. Chamberlin said the smoke and boiler in the Courthouse has caused the paint to loosen and a build up of dirt has collected on the murals. Ms. Chamberlin said they would be looking for grant money to renovate the seven paintings in the Courthouse. The cost would run \$30,000 for all seven paintings. Ms. Chamberlin said the DeSoto Arts Council is seeking the Board of Supervisors approval to take this project on and seek grants for the restoration of the murals. Ms. Chamberlin said that

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Brian Hicks with the Museum would like to use the murals as part of the exhibits for the tourism board. Ms. Chamberlin said if the grant money was awarded it would provide \$15,000, but they are not asking for any funding from the Board. The Arts Council will seek to raise money from community sources.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said if the Board Order Resolution is done, would this give the Arts Council the authority to apply for the grant? Ms. Chamberlin said yes. Supervisor Eugene Thach asked if any lighting would be used to enhance the murals. Ms. Chamberlin said they have not addressed the lighting enhancement.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve a Board Order Resolution for the DeSoto Arts Council to do a restoration to the seven Courthouse Murals and to apply for the Historic Preservation Grant. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

## **5. Advertising County Resources – UCA National Cheerleading Championship**

County Administrator David Armstrong said a request was received from Ms. Kim McGee for County assistance to a DeSoto County participant in the UCA National Cheerleading Championship. Mr. Armstrong said that if the participant carries a County banner and displays it at the event, the County could donate \$250 from Advertising County Resources.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to advertise DeSoto County Resources by contributing \$ 250.00 to Kris McGee, after being sure the group is representing DeSoto County. In accordance with Section 17-3-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County. The Board of Supervisors noted that a banner must be placed at the site, advertising of DeSoto County. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.5\*\***

## **6. Purchasing**

### **a. Approval to Open Bids for Food Supplies for Jail**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for the Annual Food Supplies for DeSoto County Jail on March 1, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., Bid File #02-200-002. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for the Annual Food Supplies for DeSoto County Jail on March 1, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., Bid File #02-200-002. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.6.a\*\***

### **b. Bids Under Advisement – Approval for Bid for the Sale of Motorcycle**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented to the Board of Supervisors a Bid Tabulation for the sale of One Wrecked Motorcycle in connection with Bid File Number 02-200-001, which was opened on February 1, 2002 at 10:00 a. m. CST. Ms. Jeannine Ruby, Director of Purchasing, said the recommendation was to sell the motorcycle to Allan G. McIntyre for \$6,307.00, who was the high bidder. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion for the Board of Supervisors to accept the high bid of Allan G. McIntyre for the amount of \$6,307, and to authorize the removal of the motorcycle from the County inventory and insurance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.6.b\*\***

**ITEM F.6, CONTINUED,**

**c. Approval to Purchase Towing Package Off State Contract for Trucks at Central Maintenance**

Ms. Jeannine Ruby, Director of Purchasing, appeared before the Board of Supervisors to request approval to purchase off State Contract, six four wheel drive trucks with limited slip axle, with towing package and cruise control for the Central Maintenance Dept.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked what was the reason for cruise control. Ms. Ruby said the Road Manager Russell Dorris had requested this. Mr. Armstrong said they would get the Road Manager to discuss his reasons. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said he feels the four-wheel drive trucks are good but not the short wheel base on the trucks. Supervisor Medlin asked if the cruise control would come on State contract. Ms. Ruby said all the requested items are options. Supervisor Medlin said Billbo Williams had plans to buy the trucks to replace the foremen’s truck that require a lot of maintenance done due to their age.

Later in the meeting, Road Manager Russell Dorris appeared before the Board to answer questions regarding the options being added.

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he wanted the towing package added to the trucks because it could be used a lot of times when working on the roads, and it would save time if the trucks or equipment had problems. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis asked what was the reason for the cruise control on the trucks. Mr. Dorris said the main reason was to help sell vehicles when the time came. Mr. Dorris said he would like to keep the trucks and transfer them around to keep a good fleet of equipment. Mr. Dorris said if the County could watch the resale on equipment, they might be able to save money on maintenance by selling equipment and then purchasing new.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked how many trucks does Central Maintenance really need? Mr. Dorris said the County has rolling stock that needs to be replaced and there is more advantage to having six new trucks.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to purchase six, four-wheel drive trucks, with long wheelbase, with limited slip axle, with towing package and cruise control and a 5.3 cubic engine with long wheel base. The motion failed as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	NO
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	NO

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to purchase the six trucks with everything, but without the cruise control unless one was on the truck without additional cost. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**d. Approval to Open Bids for Sale of Surplus Helicopter Radio Equipment**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for the sale of Surplus Helicopter Radio Equipment on February 26, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., Bid File #02-201-001. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for the sale of Surplus Helicopter Radio Equipment on February 26, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., Bid File#02-201-001. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.6.d\*\***

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**7. Sheriff’s Department – Approval to Transfer Cars from Sheriff’s Dept. to the**

**Village of Memphis**

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that the Sheriff’s Department has three vehicles they are requesting be transferred to the Village of Memphis Police Department, due to their age. Mr. Armstrong said these cars need to be declared as surplus inventory first.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton said the Village of Memphis has hired new personnel and they plan to use these three cars. Lewisburg Fire Department has requested a vehicle as well. All the cars have over 200,000 miles on them.

At the recommendation of Supervisor Gerald Clifton, and in accordance with Section 31-7-13 of the Mississippi Code, which states purchases, sales, transfers or trades are to be made by a private treaty agreement or through means of negotiation, from any federal agency or authority, another governing authority or state agency of the State of Mississippi, or any state agency of another state; it is the intent of this section to allow governmental entities to dispose of and/or purchase commodities from other governmental entities at a price that is agreed to by both parties, and this shall allow for purchases and/or sales at prices which may be determined to be below market value, which is in the best interest of the taxpayers of the State, and after determining that such a transfer is in the best interest of the residents of DeSoto County. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to declare the four vehicles as surplus and to remove them from inventory and insurance, and to transfer them from the Sheriff’s Department to the Village of Memphis Police Department and the Lewisburg Fire Department at no, charge based on the Board Attorney’s approval the following vehicles:

<u>Type Vehicle</u>	<u>VIN#</u>
1998 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W7WX122131 – Village of Mfs.
2000 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W1YX112746 – Village of Mfs.
2000 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W4YX112627 – Village of Mfs.
1998 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W8WX122137 – Lewisburg FD

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	NO
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**8. E911 – Approval of Change Order with Harris Corporation**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board of Supervisors has received a request from the E-911 Commissioners, with a recommendation by Mr. Mark Brant, Brant Engineering, to approve an addendum and issue a change order to the Harris Company for the microwave tower project. Mr. Armstrong said the cost of the change order would be \$47,781, which would come out of the E-911 funds. Mr. Armstrong said the Board Attorney would have to look at the contract.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the change order with Harris Corporation for the E-911 microwave towers, based on the recommendations of the Board Attorney. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.8\*\***

**ITEM F, CONTINUED,**

**9. Central Maintenance**

**a. Approval for Russell Dorris to Sign Purchase Requisitions**

The Mississippi Code, Section 31-7-101, states the Supervisors of each County in the State shall establish a Central Purchasing System, with approval of the Board of Supervisors, and shall authorize personnel to sign purchasing requisitions when necessary. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to authorize Road Manager Russell Dorris to sign purchase requisitions for Central Maintenance. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**b. Roads – Russell Dorris – Andy Swims**

Road Manager Russell Dorris said he and County Engineer Andy Swims had looked at the Airways Road plans behind the weigh station. Supervisor Tommy Lewis said he thought everything was done on this for the County to do the work. Mr. Dorris said the County could do the work. Supervisor Lewis said he would like to look at the plans and to find out how many landowners were involved. Mr. Dorris said the major landowner, Mr. Bailey, was opposed to a road being built. Supervisor Lewis said to get the preliminary survey done on Airways to Swinnea, to see what needs to be done. Supervisor Lewis said he wanted to establish the parcel holders of the land and what land would be required for a 55 ft. right of way to build a two lane road. Mr. Dorris said the drawings that he has only established the centerline of the road. Supervisor Lewis said to take the right of way for Airways thru to Pleasant Hill Road. This may require taking roadway from Sidewinder East or as recommended by the engineer.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve hiring Daniel Murphy, Consulting Engineer, to work with County Engineer Andy Swims and Road Manager Russell Dorris to do a preliminary survey for the 55 ft. right of way description for Airways Road thru to Pleasant Hill Road and Airways Road to Swinnea Road for the County to build a two lane road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**10. Hernando Historic Museum – Brian Hicks**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County had given \$11,000 to the Hernando Historic Museum this year through local and private legislation. Mr. Armstrong said that Brian Hicks and Bob Barber were present today representing the museum with a request to the Board of Supervisors for a Board Order Resolution to be able to directly contribute funds to the Historic DeSoto Foundation, Inc. every year instead of through Advertising County Resources.

Brian Hicks introduced Shelly Ritter, a representative with the State Archives & History Department. Mr. Hicks said Ms. Ritter was responsible for the \$110,000 grant the museum received to do the renovations. Mr. Hicks said the Johnson, Bailey, Henderson & McNeal Architect Firm has been hired for the museum renovations. Mr. Hicks said the museum would have exhibits and do classroom visits with exhibits that would cover from Hernando DeSoto to the Civic Center years. They would also cover the history of agriculture, civil rights, Civil War and the growth of the County. They would also have exhibits on the famous people from the County, and the Veterans in the County.

Supervisor Eugene Thach expressed concern about asking for legislation that is not clearly allowed by State law already. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said he recommends the Board of Supervisors do a resolution supporting local and private legislation to give the County a vehicle to be able to contribute to the museum. Bob Barber said the requirement for now is with a local and private bill. State Law allows for support of a museum if it is public owned.

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Ms. Annie Ruth Brown said she appreciated all the help the Board of Supervisors has

given to allow DeSoto County to have a museum and the professional help hired to work on this project.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to authorize a Resolution for local and private legislation to allow the County to be able to contribute money to the museum. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called “Executive Session.”

**H. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Optical Scan Election Equipment**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the Board voted not to sign the contract for the Optical Scan Election Equipment until the contract was approved by the Board Attorney. Mr. Armstrong said the contract has been approved by the Board Attorney and needs to be signed by the Board President.

Vanessa Lynchard asked the Board how they want to pay for this equipment. Do they want to collect the money from the Cities and pay on the equipment and then finance the balance? Mr. Armstrong said the budget has \$62,500 for this equipment and the County could get the Cities money up front and finance the balance. Mr. Armstrong said he would call Demery Grubbs to see how he recommends the County handle this purchase.

Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Board President to sign the Contract with ES&S for the Optical Scan Election Equipment. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	YES
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	ABSENT

**\*\*See Exhibit H.1\*\***

**2. Roads – Church Road**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Daniel Murphy, Consulting Engineer, was present to have the Board advise him on the specifications they want on Church Road between Pleasant Hill Road and Getwell Road. Daniel Murphy said the surveying was done on Church Road East and he is working on the west portion of Church Rd. to Getwell Rd. now. The five lane portion ends at Getwell. Mr. Murphy said that curb and gutter would be required on that portion. It is heavily populated. The portion of Church between Getwell and Pleasant Hill has underground storm sewer and will require curb and gutter and drainage structures to be on the County right of way. Mr. Murphy said we could do most of this work on the current right of way. Mr. Murphy said if we eliminate the curb and gutter and go with a gravel shoulder it has to be 8 ft. on each side, which will require ditches to be sloped back 18ft. We would be adding 1½ lanes on each side. This would require 18½ ft. and we would need right of way easements.

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Mr. Murphy said the Pleasant Hill Water Association lines are on County right of way and he recommends they move the lines at their expense.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the road would need to be built to State Aid

requirements. Mr. Murphy said he felt we need to adhere to State Aid standards on every road we build, and certainly on this road.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what if the County could not do curb and gutter? Supervisor Eugene Thach asked how much would it cost without the curb and gutter? Mr. Murphy said it would cost \$1,000,000 per mile with curb and gutter and \$600,000 to \$800,000 without curb and gutter. Mr. Murphy said this is construction cost only, with no right of way acquisition. Supervisor Medlin said two miles could save \$200,000 if no curb and gutter were done.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked if there should there be seven lanes at Getwell and Church Road. Supervisor Eugene Thach suggested purchasing the right of way for two miles on Church Road East. Daniel Murphy said he would go either way the County wants. Supervisor Caldwell said it would slow down the project if we have to get right of way. Mr. Murphy said five lanes are sufficient.

Daniel Murphy said he needs Board direction regarding the two phases of Church Road. Mr. Murphy said the Getwell to Pleasant Hill portion comes up first and he could get this under contract this year. Also, the Elmore to Getwell portion that chances of being under construction this year is not good.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked why five lanes, with a left turn land, are needed on Church Road East from Getwell to Pleasant Hill Road. Supervisor Caldwell said the justification from Elmore to Getwell is there for five lanes, but from Getwell to Pleasant Hill there is not traffic justification for five lanes. Supervisor Caldwell said he could see Getwell Road being extended to five lanes to Goodman Road. Supervisor Jessie Medlin said Church Road from Elmore Road to Getwell should have five lanes now. From Pleasant Hill to Hwy 305 has already been approved by the Board. Supervisor Caldwell said Getwell from Goodman to Stateline needs it worse. Supervisor Caldwell said the Board of Supervisors should establish priorities. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if anyone knew what the State of Tennessee is doing on Getwell from Stateline to Shelby Drive. Mr. Armstrong said they have no plans to do anything. Mr. Murphy said that in the next 12 to 14 months' traffic would travel Church Road.

Supervisor Medlin said if we do five lanes, can you get right of way? Daniel Murphy said it is possible we could do this with temporary easements. The only concern is the Pinehurst Subdivision and the Subdivision at Lanny Funderburk's. The rest of the area would be no problem. Supervisor Medlin asked if we could do part curb and gutter along these Subdivisions. Supervisor Caldwell asked if curb and gutter could be done from Elmore Road east to the first subdivision east of Getwell.

Daniel Murphy said his recommendation is to curb and gutter thru the two subdivisions and construct the balance without curb and gutter. Mr. Murphy said we could probably get temporary easement for the most of the project.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Chamberlin/Nowak Law Firm proceeding to secure the right of way. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Daniel Murphy said to do everything except for the small drainage structures with the easement the County already has.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the construction on Church Road East from Elmore Road to Getwell

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Road being done with curb and gutter, and five lanes of road between Getwell Road and Pleasant Hill Road with curb and gutter, only where necessary around the subdivisions. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES

Supervisor John Caldwell      NO  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis      YES

**3. Roads – Craft Road**

Consulting Engineer Daniel Murphy said the extension on Craft Road from College Road to Church Road would be done with five lanes of dirt work, but plans are to pave only two lanes. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if the dirt would be lost over time frame. Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if there would be a lot of fill work to be done. Supervisor Eugene Thach said there would be one mile of fill work required. Daniel Murphy said, pavement wise, only two lanes of road are needed, but the base requirement of five lanes is necessary, and they can apply erosion control measures. Mr. Murphy said he would need to get the right of way for five lanes.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the Chamberlin/Nowak Law Firm and Daniel Murphy to perform preliminary engineering and right of way acquisition to secure the right of way for Craft Road. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked if the County needs to contract the construction. Daniel Murphy said yes.

**4. Roads – Nail Road**

Supervisor John Caldwell said he had spoken with Carl Ray Furr at Engineering Associates about the changes to the railroad crossing on Nail Road and Starlanding Road. Supervisor Caldwell said a legislative modification would have to be done to make the railroad crossing change official. Supervisor Caldwell said the City of Horn Lake plans to design five lanes for Nail Road and would like a commitment from the Board of Supervisors for their plans. Supervisor Caldwell said that Starlanding Road does not warrant a five lane road at this time, but that Nail Road does.

Mr. Armstrong said the County had a budget of \$700,00 for the Starlanding Road Bridge. Supervisor Eugene Thach said the County had also committed \$750,000 for Nail Road. Supervisor Caldwell requested to change the wording in the bill for the Legislature and change the crossing at Starlanding to be done with a grade crossing. Supervisor Caldwell said the City of Horn Lake needs to know what the County would commit to and he needs to tell Gerald Davis to engineer for a bridge on Nail Road at the Railroad. No motion was made at this time.

**5. Health Insurance – Home Health**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked the County Administrator to discuss Home Health Provisions when negotiating for the Health Insurance. No motions were made on this item.

Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion, to recess the meeting until February 15, 2002 at 9:00 am. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 11<sup>TH</sup>. day of February 2002, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Jessie Medlin, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors